THE FAYETTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION met on December 16, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue West, Fayetteville, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John H. Culbreth, Interim Chairman

Brian Haren Jim Oliver

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Danny England, Chairman

Arnold Martin, Vice-Chairman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Pete A. Frisina, Director of Community Services

Chanelle Blaine, Zoning Administrator

Howard Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator

## Welcome and Call to Order:

Pete Frisina opened the meeting by stating that both the Chairman and Vice-chairmen were absent from the meeting so an interim Chairman would have to be appointed for this meeting. Brian Haren made a motion to appoint John Culbreth as interim Chairman for the meeting. Jim Oliver seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Danny England and Arnold Martin were absent.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting held on December 2, 2021.

Brian Haren made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 2, 2021. Jim Oliver seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Danny England and Arnold Martin were absent.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

2. Consideration of a Revised Major Final Plat of Bay Chappell Farms, Phase 1 & 2, Lot 36, 41, and 42. The property will consist of 3 lots zoned R-72 and is located in Land Lot 167 of the 4th District and fronts on Stable Creek Road.

Chairman Culbreth asked if the applicant was present.

Steven Jones said (via conference call) you may remember this item to incorporate this property into the Bay Chappell Farms subdivision from last year and we ask based on the prior approval of this item the approval of this revised final plat. He added one of the property owners is trying to refinance their property.

Jim Oliver asked Steven Jones if there were any problems with the five recommended conditions.

Steven Jones replied, no sir.

Brian Haren said to clarify this plat reflects the conditions.

Steven Jones replied, that is correct.

Brian Haren made a motion to recommend approval of a Revised Major Final Plat of Bay Chappell Farms, Phase 1 & 2, Lots 36, 41, and 42. Jim Oliver seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Danny England and Arnold Martin were absent.

## 3. Discussion of the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan Update

Pete Frisina said the Broadband Element is the last element of the Comp Plan update to discuss. He added that it is a State initiative to increase broadband availability in the State of Georgia. He stated the State has identified Census blocks that are unserved based on a criteria that less than 80 percent of the locations are served by broadband. He said based on this criteria the State has identified 46 Census blocks out 1,705 Census blocks that are unserved in Fayette County. He added that some of those Census blocks are in one of the cities or split between the unincorporated county and a city. He stated to achieve the goal the element states that the County will work with broadband providers to determine if there is anything the County can do to assist them in providing broadband service. He added that the County should also work with the cities to make the effort uniform. He said there is a designation the County get from the State that is called a Broadband Ready Community and the first step is to adopt a Comp Plan with a Broadband Services Element. He added that the second step is to adopt a model ordinance which names a County individual as the single point of contact for broadband deployment and it also sets a time period in which the government must respond to an application as these requests would be to work within the right-of-way.

Brian Haren asked if we are concerned with broadband access in the cities.

Pete Frisina said no we have no control in the cities but some of the Census blocks are split between the County and a city so we should work with the cities where we can.

Brian Haren said some people can get broadband service from their cell phone providers, is this not considered broadband service.

Pete Frisina said he thinks when the State did their Census block analysis it was based on hard connections and the question is, does a wireless broadband connection supply a minimum of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload speeds based the State's criteria.

Brian Haren asked what else we need to do at this point.

Pete Frisina said we will be going to public hearings for the Comp Plan update in

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Brian Haren made a motion to adjourn. Jim Oliver seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Brian Haren was absent. The motion passed 3-0. Danny England and Arnold Martin were absent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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PLANNING COMMISSION
OF
FAYETTE COUNTY

JOHN CULBRETH, INTERIM CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

HOWARD L. JOHNSON

PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY